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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the non-final Office Action dated June 19, 2007. Please enter the Amendment and reconsider the application in light of the amendment and the appended remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.